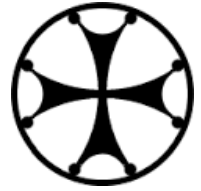




# Saint Maron

## Maronite Catholic Church



December 21-22, 2019

# GENEALOGY SUNDAY

## Merry Christmas!



### WHY IS CHRISTMAS SUCH A BIG DEAL?

“Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people. Today in the city of David a savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord.” Today the whole world celebrates Christmas. Christmas is the largest celebration around the world each year. During the Christmas season billions of people set aside their normal routines to decorate their homes, churches, to send out Christmas cards, buy gifts, go to Christmas

parties, attend church services, sing Christmas songs and travel long distance to be with their families.

Christmas sights and sounds fill the air everywhere. When Christmas comes, you can't miss it. It is everywhere. If you stop to think about Christmas, you see that Christ Birthday has caused traffic jams today in most of the big cities like Beirut, New York, Tokyo, and Rio de Janeiro...

Every time you check your calendar or refer to a date or write one down, you are using Jesus Christ as reference. Because of

Jesus, history is divided into BC before Christ and AD after Christ. Even your birthday is dated by Jesus Birthday. With Jesus the world would never be the same. The bible gives us the original Christmas story:

### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*“The grace which was revealed in our world is Jesus... He has entered our history; he has shared our Journey. He came to free us from darkness and to grant us light. In Him was revealed the grace, the mercy, and the tender love of the Father.”*

*Pope Francis*



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“There were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lords shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people. Today in the city of David a savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord... Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.” (Luke 2\8\14)

The angel said; “That Christmas, the birth of Christ, would bring “great joy... for all the people.” Really? For many people, getting ready for Christmas seems to be more of a hassle than a source of happiness. It is a source of stress. They feel pressure, not pressure, when it comes to Christmas. It is a duty, not a delight. They endure Christmas than enjoy it.

There are many reasons you might feel uneasy or lonely or even depressed during the time of Christmas. You might be obliged to spend time with some strange and awkward relatives. Maybe the relationships are strained and uncomfortable in your own family. Maybe you don't have anyone to be with this Christmas. Christmas may remind you of losses and hurts or how things have changed... This Christmas, God cares deeply about how you feel so do I. It is why I am writing this message for you.

Regardless of your background, problems and circumstances, the birth of the Messiah is the best

news and the most wonderful gift you could get. God's Christmas gift to you has three qualities that make it unique.

First, it is the most expensive gift you will ever receive- It is priceless. Second, it is the only gift that you will ever receive and that will last forever. Finally, it is an extremely practical gift that you will have to use every day for the rest of your life.

On the first Christmas night, the angel announced three purposes for the birth of Jesus.

Jesus was born for you so you can celebrate- you can be saved and you will have reconciliation with God and with others around you.

That's why Christmas is a time for celebration, a time of salvation and a time for reconciliation. We all have to celebrate that the son of God has become one of us and took flesh and dwelt among us to save us from our sins and from the weaknesses of our human nature, because he wants to reconcile us with his father and make us his children... That's why we have to sing with the angels; “Glory to God in the highest... and on earth peace and good hope to all.”

In this Holy occasion I would like to wish you my beloved parishioners a very blessed Christmas that is full of heavenly Joy, of God's peace and love. Amen.

Fr. El-Badaoui Habib

### **SANCTUARY CANDLE**

The Sanctuary Candle is burning for the soul of Peter Koway requested by Terri Koway. May his soul rest in peace.

### **DIVINE LITURGIES**

**Saturday, December 21, @ 6:00 PM, followed by Christmas Novena** liturgy is being offered as a 40 day memorial for the soul of Walter (Chip) Meixner requested by Diane Kiddy. May his soul rest in peace.

**Sunday, December 22, @ 11:00 AM, Followed by Christmas Novena** liturgy is being offered for the souls of Marie El Choli and the deceased members of the Raie and Sholi families requested by George and Laila Sholy and their family. May their souls rest in peace.

**Monday, December 23, @ 7:00 PM, Christmas Novena**

**Tuesday, December 24, @ 6:00 PM, Christmas Vigil** liturgy is being offered for the intentions of the Parishioners of Saint Maron Church.

**Tuesday, December 24, @ 11:00 PM, Midnight Christmas Liturgy**, liturgy is being offered for the intentions of the Parishioners of Saint Maron Church.

**Wednesday, December 25, @ 11:00 AM Christmas Day Liturgy**, liturgy is being offered for the intentions of the Parishioners of Saint Maron Church.

**Thursday, December 26, @ 6:00 PM, (Felicitation to the Virgin Mary)**

**Friday, December 27, @ 9:00 AM, (Feast of St. Stephen the First Martyr)**

**Saturday, November 28, @ 6:00 PM, (The Adoration of the Magi)**

**Sunday, December 29, @ 11:00 AM, (Killing of the Holy Innocents)** liturgy is being offered for the soul of Peter Koway requested by Terri Koway. May his soul rest in peace.

## **BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

This is the third Banns of Marriage for Frank Gregorio and Elissa Dodeline who will be married on January 10, 2020. If anyone knows of any reason that these two should not be married speak now or forever hold your peace.

## **OFFICE CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

During this Glorious season the office will be closed for Christmas on **December 24 and 25** and for the New Year on **December 31 and January 1**.

## **THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS**

We would like to thank each of you for your kindness and generosity in helping those less fortunate with the giving tree. May your gift of giving bring the love and peace of Christ's birth to those you have touched. Merry Christmas to all of you.

## **CHRISTMAS SECOND COLLECTION**

As per the directive of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn we will have a second collection on Christmas December 24 & 25. This collection is a Christmas gift for the Pastor's personal use. Thank you and Merry Christmas!

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **St. Maron Feast Day Party**, Saturday February 8, 2020 @ 7:00 PM. We will have the details soon. Please mark your calendars.

## **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

The Circumcision of Jesus is a holy day of obligation. Liturgy will be held on **Tuesday, December 31, @ 7:00PM** and **Wednesday, January 1, @ 10:00AM**. Please join us for this special day.

## **CATHOLIC EXTENSION GRANT**

We have been given the opportunity to receive a conditional matching grant of \$10,000.00 from Catholic Extension Society. In order to receive this Grant we need your help to raise donations totaling at least \$10,000.00. To help us reach our goal please make checks payable to "St. Maron Church" and write "Donation" in the memo. Thank you in advance for your generosity and your support to St. Maron Church.

## **2020 CHURCH ENVELOPES**

The 2020 weekly envelopes are now available in the church hall. If anyone does not have a set of envelopes and would like them please contact the office and we will have a set ready for you. In this way we can give you tax recognition at the end of the year.

## **WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR December 14-15, 2019**

Collection	\$ 1,875.00
Donation	\$ 765.00
Special Collection	\$ 1,017.00
Coffee Hour	\$ 18.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 3,675.00</b>

## **IN OUR PRAYERS**

Please keep in your prayers Neil Bohley Sr., Luke Farrell Jr., Linda DiBernardo, Patty Reynolds, Joan Speck, David Joseph Cook, Eddie Tayoun, Martha Simon Casella, Minarva Labbad, Dante Panichi, Dennis Strelchuk, Carol Krestos, Gladys Dalcourt, Denise Furey, Chucky Simon, Michael Winter, Kevin McCrea, Kevin Khoury, Mirta Ruiz, Tina Grassi, Rita Impo, Lisa and Henry Schaffer, Jade Kellam, Marion Thomas Branca, Francesca Impo, Raja Kaldany, Lucy DiLuce, Cat Niven Glaze, Laurent Chidiac, Tom Hart, John Hart, Fadi Jaber, Joseph Realdine, Emily Stone, Roseann Anthony, Elaine Nader, Eddie Gussin, Lisa Alestra, John Nader, Aminee Skaf, Yasmine Myers, Joey Gdowick, Francis Joseph Kerns, Samer Chokeir, Kathy Newman, Rita Arrigale, Helen Freedenberg, Maryann Bratton, Renee Sahar, Sister Nahida Al Sawa, Rose De Jesse, James Cordisio, Stacey Fuentes, Debbie Freedenberg, Noel Andjuhar, Angel Salerno, Dennis McGiney, and Bonnie Sabatini. We ask Almighty God to bless them with good health so that they may join us in the Church and give glory and thanksgiving to God. Please notify the Church office of any family member who is ill so that we may remember them in our daily prayers and on our altar of intentions.



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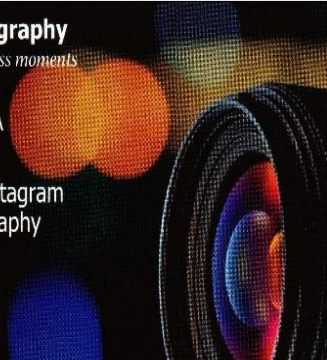
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### First Reading

#### Romans 1:1-12

**A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans. Your blessing father...**

Brothers and Sisters:

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed throughout the world. For God, whom I serve with my spirit by announcing the gospel of his Son, is my witness that without ceasing I remember you always in my prayers, asking that by God's will I may somehow at last succeed in coming to you. For I am longing to see you so that I may share with you some spiritual gift to strengthen you or rather so that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine.

**Praise be to God always.**

### فصل من رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل رومة

يا إخواني، مِنْ بُولُسَ عَبْدِ الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ، الَّذِي دُعِيَ لِيَكُونَ رَسُولًا، وَفَرَزَ لِإِنْجِيلِ اللَّهِ، هَذَا الْإِنْجِيلِ الَّذِي وَعَدَ بِهِ اللَّهُ مِنْ قَبْلُ، بِأَنْبِيَاءِهِ فِي الْكُتُبِ الْمُقَدَّسَةِ، فِي شَأْنِ ابْنِهِ الَّذِي وَلِدَ بِحَسَبِ الْجَسَدِ مِنْ نَسْلِ دَاوُدَ، وَجُعِلَ بِحَسَبِ رُوحِ الْقَدَاسَةِ ابْنُ اللَّهِ بِقُوَّةِ أَيْ بِالْقِيَامَةِ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، وَهُوَ يَسُوعُ الْمَسِيحُ رَبُّنَا؛ بِهِ نَلْزِمُ النِّعْمَةَ وَالرِّسَالَةَ لِكَي نَهْدِيَ إِلَى طَاعَةِ الْإِيمَانِ جَمِيعَ الْأُمَمِ، لِمَجْدِ اسْمِهِ؛ وَمِنْ بَيْنَهُمْ أَنْتُمْ أَيْضًا مَدْعُوُونَ لِتَكُونُوا لِيَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ؛ إِلَى جَمِيعِ الَّذِينَ فِي رُومًا، إِلَى أَحِبَّاءِ اللَّهِ، الْمَدْعُوِينَ لِيَكُونُوا قَدِّيسِينَ: أَلْنِعْمَةُ لَكُمْ وَالسَّلَامُ مِنَ اللَّهِ أَبِيْنَا وَالرَّبِّ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ! قَبْلَ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ، أَشْكُرُ إِلَهِي بِيَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ جَمِيعًا، لِأَنَّ إِيْمَانَكُمْ يُنَادِي بِهِ فِي الْعَالَمِ كُلِّهِ. يَشْهَدُ عَلَيَّ اللَّهُ، الَّذِي أَعْبُدُهُ بِرُوحِي، بِحَسَبِ إِنْجِيلِ ابْنِهِ، أَنِّي أَذْكُرْكُمْ بِغَيْرِ انْقِطَاعٍ، ضَارِعًا فِي صَلَوَاتِي عَلَى الدَّوَامِ أَنْ يَنْتَسِرَ لِي يَوْمًا، بِمَشِيئَةِ اللَّهِ، أَنْ آتِيَ إِلَيْكُمْ. فَإِنِّي أَتَشَوَّقُ أَنْ أَرَاكُمْ، لِأَشْرِكْكُمْ فِي مَوْهِبَةِ رُوحِيَّةٍ وَأَشَدِّدْكُمْ، أَيْ لِأَتَعَزَّى مَعَكُمْ وَبَيْنَكُمْ بِإِيْمَانِي وَإِيْمَانِكُمُ الْمَشْتَرَكِ.

**والتسبيح لله دائماً.**



## Gospel Reading

### Saint Matthew 1:1-17

#### The Apostle Writes:

An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham. Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers, and Judah the father of Perez and Zerah by Tamar, and Perez the father of Hezron, and Hezron the father of Aram, and Aram the father of Aminadab, and Aminadab the father of Nahshon, and Nahshon the father of Salmon, and Salmon the father of Boaz by Rahab, and Boaz the father of Obed by Ruth, and Obed the father of Jesse, and Jesse the father of King David. And David was the father of Solomon by the wife of Uriah, and Solomon the father of Rehoboam, and Rehoboam the father of Abijah, and Abijah the father of Asaph, and Asaph the father of Jehoshaphat, and Jehoshaphat the father of Joram, and Joram the father of Uzziah, and Uzziah the father of Jotham, and Jotham the father of Ahaz, and Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, and Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, and Manasseh the father of Amos, and Amos the father of Josiah, and Josiah the father of Jechoniah and his brothers, at the time of the deportation to Babylon. And after the deportation to Babylon: Jechoniah was the father of Salathiel, and Salathiel the father of Zerubbabel, and Zerubbabel the father of Abiud, and Abiud the father of Eliakim, and Eliakim the father of Azor, and Azor the father of Zadok, and Zadok the father of Achim, and Achim the father of Eliud, and Eliud the father of Eleazar, and Eleazar the father of Matthan, and Matthan the father of Jacob, and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah. So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; and from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations.

**This is the truth. Peace be with you.**

#### مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِيسِ مَتَّى

"كِتَابُ مِيلَادِ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ، ابْنِ دَاوُدَ، ابْنِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ: إِبْرَاهِيمُ وَلَدَ إِسْحَقَ، إِسْحَقُ وَلَدَ يَعْقُوبَ، يَعْقُوبُ وَلَدَ يَهُوذَا وَإِخْوَتَهُ، يَهُوذَا وَلَدَ فَارِصَ وَزَارَحَ مِنْ تَامَارَ، فَارِصُ وَلَدَ حَصْرُونَ، حَصْرُونُ وَلَدَ آرَامَ، آرَامُ وَلَدَ عَمِينَادَابَ، عَمِينَادَابُ وَلَدَ نَحْشُونَ، نَحْشُونُ وَلَدَ سَلْمُونَ، سَلْمُونُ وَلَدَ بُوعَزَ مِنْ رَا حَابَ، بُوعَزُ وَلَدَ عُوْبِيدَ مِنْ رَاعُوتَ، عُوْبِيدُ وَلَدَ يَسَى، يَسَى وَلَدَ دَاوُدَ الْمَلِكِ. دَاوُدُ وَلَدَ سُلَيْمَانَ مِنْ أَمْرَأَةٍ أُورِيَّا، سُلَيْمَانُ وَلَدَ رَحْبَعَامَ، رَحْبَعَامُ وَلَدَ أَبِيَا، أَبِيَا وَلَدَ آسَا، آسَا وَلَدَ يُوْشَافَاظَ، يُوْشَافَاظُ وَلَدَ يُوْرَامَ، يُوْرَامُ وَلَدَ عُوزِيَا، عُوزِيَا وَلَدَ يُوْتَامَ، يُوْتَامُ وَلَدَ أَحَازَ، أَحَازُ وَلَدَ حِرْقِيَا، حِرْقِيَا وَلَدَ مَنَسَّى، مَنَسَّى وَلَدَ آمُونَ، آمُونُ وَلَدَ يُوْشِيَا، يُوْشِيَا وَلَدَ يُوْكْنِيَا وَإِخْوَتَهُ، وَكَانَ السَّبْيُ إِلَى بَابِلَ. بَعْدَ السَّبْيِ إِلَى بَابِلَ، يُوْكْنِيَا وَلَدَ شَالْتِيئِيلَ، شَالْتِيئِيلُ وَلَدَ زُرْبَابِلَ، زُرْبَابِلُ وَلَدَ أَبِيهُودَ، أَبِيهُودُ وَلَدَ إِيْلَاقِيمَ، إِيْلَاقِيمُ وَلَدَ عَاوُورَ، عَاوُورُ وَلَدَ صَادُوقَ، صَادُوقُ وَلَدَ أَحِيمَ، أَحِيمُ وَلَدَ إِيْلَهُودَ، إِيْلَهُودُ وَلَدَ إِيْلِعَازَرَ، إِيْلِعَازَرُ وَلَدَ مَتَّانَ، مَتَّانُ وَلَدَ يَعْقُوبَ، يَعْقُوبُ وَلَدَ يُوْسُفَ رَجُلَ مَرْيَمَ، الَّتِي مِنْهَا وَلَدَ يَسُوعُ، وَهُوَ الَّذِي يُدْعَى الْمَسِيحَ. فَجَمِيعُ الْأَجْيَالِ مِنْ إِبْرَاهِيمَ إِلَى دَاوُدَ أَرْبَعَةٌ عَشَرَ جِيلًا، وَمِنْ دَاوُدَ إِلَى سَبْيِ بَابِلَ أَرْبَعَةٌ عَشَرَ جِيلًا، وَمِنْ سَبْيِ بَابِلَ إِلَى الْمَسِيحِ أَرْبَعَةٌ عَشَرَ جِيلًا. حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لَجَمِيعِكُمْ.